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A LETTER FROM THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS DATED JUNE 15 TO THE U.S.
AND DUTCH AMBASSADORS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

WE THE FOLLOWING, SOPHIE EMILIE VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN, DUTCH
CITIZEN, KENNETH STEPHEN SMITH, AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND CARRIE
JANE HUNTER, AMERICAN CITIZEN, ARE WRITING THIS THIRD LETTER
TO ESTABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR, THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIE DE LA
REVOLUTION POPULAIRE OF THE CONGO.

THE PRP HAS HEARD REPEATEDLY ON THE RADIO OF THE MANY EFFORTS
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OF THE DUTCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT

CONTACT WITH THE PRP. THE PRP REALIZES THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT IS PERHAPS BLOCKING PROGRESS TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS BY REFUSING TO FREE A PRISONER, AND THE PRP RECOGNIZES THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GAIN OUR RELEASE. THEREFORE, THE TWO MEN DELIVERING THESE LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU IN SECRET, WITHOUT TANZANIA'S KNOWLEDGE, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE A TIME AND A MEETING PLACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRP AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DUTCH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. THE PRP HEARD IN PARTICULAR ON RADIO KENYA ABOUT A COMMISSION OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM. THE PRP UNDERSTOOD FROM THIS BROADCAST THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT THROUGH ZAIRE. THE PRP WISHES TO CLARIFY THAT THEY WILL NOT MEET WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVES IN PARTS OF ZAIRE CONTROLLED BY MOBUTU.

THE PRP IS SECRETLY SENDING THESE MEN, AS WELL, IN TRUST AND AS A SIGN OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DUTCH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. IT IS THEREFORE OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE THAT THE SECURITY OF THESE MEN IN TANZANIA IS GUARANTEED BY YOU, THAT EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE IS TAKEN TO PRECLUDE THEIR ARREST WHILE IN TANZANIA. IF THEY WERE TO BE ARRESTED, THIS WOULD JEOPARDIZE ANY FURTHER CONTACT.

THE LAST LETTERS TO THE AMERICAN AND DUTCH EMBASSIES AND TO THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WERE SENT BY POST BECAUSE PRP PARTY MEMBERS WERE BEING ARRESTED IN TANZANIA. THE PRP REALIZES THAT SUCH LETTERS DO

NOT PROVIDE THE TRUST AND SECURITY NECESSARY TO YOU AS GUARANTEE TOWARDS THE SECURITY OF ANY INDIVIDUALS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE OUR RELEASE. THE PRP, IN SENDING THESE TWO MEN, IS DEMONSTRATING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THEM, JUST AS THEY, THE PRP, HOPE YOU WILL HAVE FAITH THAT THEY WILL INDEED PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ANY INDIVIDUALS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE. IN ADDITION TO ARRANGING, WITH THESE MEN, A TIME AND A PLACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRP HAS SUGGESTED THAT AN INTERESTED PARTY COULD RETURN WITH THESE MEN TO CHECK ON OUR CONDITION AND/OR TO DIRECTLY NEGOTIATE.

THE PRP WISHES TO REITERATE THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR OUR RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLEASE REMAIN THE SAME, AND ARE TO BE MET WITHIN THE SIXTY DAY TIME LIMIT WHICH COMMENCED ON MAY 19, 1975. PLEASE REALIZE AS WELL THAT THE LANGUAGES SPOKEN HERE ARE FRENCH AND SWAHILI.

AS A PERSONAL PLEA FROM THE THREE OF US, WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TRUST SHOWN BY THE PRP IN SENDING THESE MEN TO YOU SECRETLY TO ARRANGE A TIME AND A PLACE FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS OUR RELEASE. IF ADVANTAGE IS NOT TAKEN OF THIS OPPORTUNITY,

OR SHOULD THESE MEN BE ARRESTED IN TANZANIA, FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE PRP, POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS, AND OUR LIVES, WOULD BE PUT IN JEOPARDY.

WE REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH, AND CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATELY CARED FOR.

THE NAMES OF THE TWO MEN DELIVERING THESE LETTERS ARE:

1) KANITATU PORTACES; 2) ADAMU SAIDI.

FOR THE THIRD AND POSSIBLY LAST TIME, WE BEG AND PLEA THAT THAT THE DUTCH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, THE PRESIDENT OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY, DR. JANE GOODALL, AND DR. DAVID HAMBURG, DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR MEANS AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SAVE OUR LIVES. TIME, FOR US, IS RUNNING OUT.

PLEASE DON'T LET US DIE. WE HAVE FAITH IN YOU.

FAITHFULLY,

CARRIE JANE HUNTER, KENNETH STEPHEN SMITH, EMILIE VAN ZINNICK
BERGMAN. UNQUOTE
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